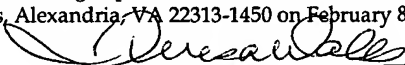


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For :	AERODYNAMIC DRAG REDUCTION APPARATUS FOR GAP-DIVIDED BLUFF BODIES SUCH AS TRACTOR-TRAILERS		

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed December 8, 2004, Applicants elect the species of Figure 9, with claims 1-4, 7, 9-12, and 15 reading thereon. Accompanying this communication is a petition to extend the prosecution for one month and the appropriate fee.

The Examiner stated that at least claim 1 is generic. Additionally, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 7, 9, and 15 are also generic to all the species, and are therefore included for examination. Pursuant to MPEP §809.02(c),

and if any one of generic claims 1, 7, or 9 is subsequently found to be allowable, please reconsider the withdrawn claims 5, 6, 8, 13, and 14 as being fully embraced by those generic claims.

In the event that the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of these claims that could be clarified with a telephone conference, he is respectfully requested to initiate the same with the undersigned at (925) 422-7274.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: February 8, 2005

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